

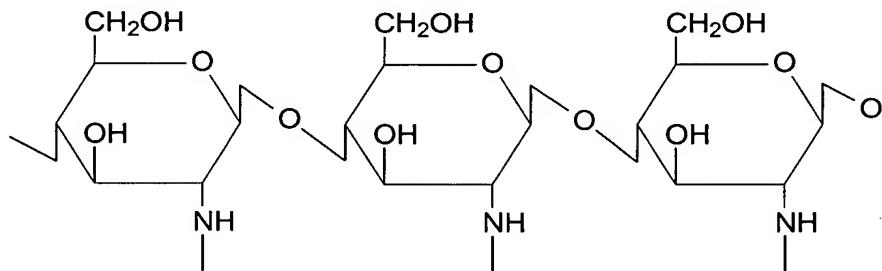
AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-14 (canceled)

Claim 15 (original): A method of treating oversprayed paint particles in a paint spray booth including a circulating water system, said method comprising contacted said oversprayed paint particles with a water system including a composition comprising an aqueous solution of a compound having the following structure:



and a complex metal salt.

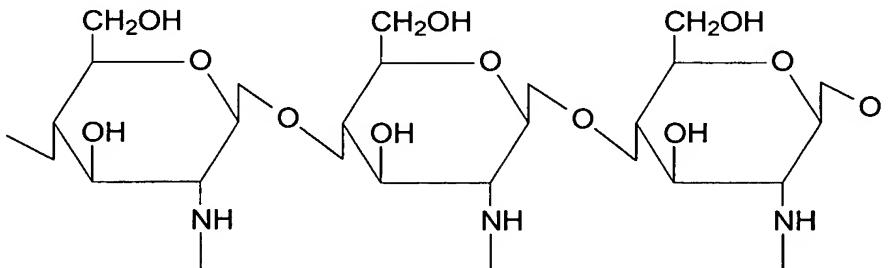
Claim 16 (original): A method as in claim 15, wherein said aqueous solution of said compound comprises an aqueous solution of chitosan.

Claim 17 (original): A method as in claim 15, wherein said composition detackifies and flocculates said oversprayed paint particles.

Claim 18 (original): A method as in claim 15, further comprising the step of separating said flocculated oversprayed paint particles from said water system.

Claim 19 (original): A method of treating oversprayed paint in a paint spray booth including a solvent-based paint denaturant system, said method comprising:

contacting said oversprayed paint with a dispersion of an organic solvent component in water including a composition comprising an aqueous solution of a compound having the following structure:



and a complex metal salt, thereby collecting said oversprayed paint; causing the dispersion to phase separate into an organic phase containing paint overspray and an aqueous phase; and separating the organic phase from the aqueous phase.

Claim 20 (original): A method as in claim 19, wherein said composition comprising an aqueous solution of said compound and a complex metal salt decreases the time for phase separation of said organic phase and said aqueous phase.

Claim 21 (original): A method as in claim 19, wherein said complex metal salt is selected from the group consisting of aluminum chlorohydrate, aluminum sulfate, zinc chloride, ferric chloride, calcium chloride, magnesium hydroxide, and mixtures thereof.

Claim 22 (original): A method as in claim 19, wherein said aqueous solution of said compound comprises an aqueous solution of chitosan.

Claim 23 (currently amended): A composition-method as in claim 22, wherein said aqueous solution of chitosan comprises a mixture of water, chitosan, and an acid capable of rendering said chitosan soluble in water.

Claim 24 (currently amended): A composition-method as in claim 19, further comprising bentonite clay.